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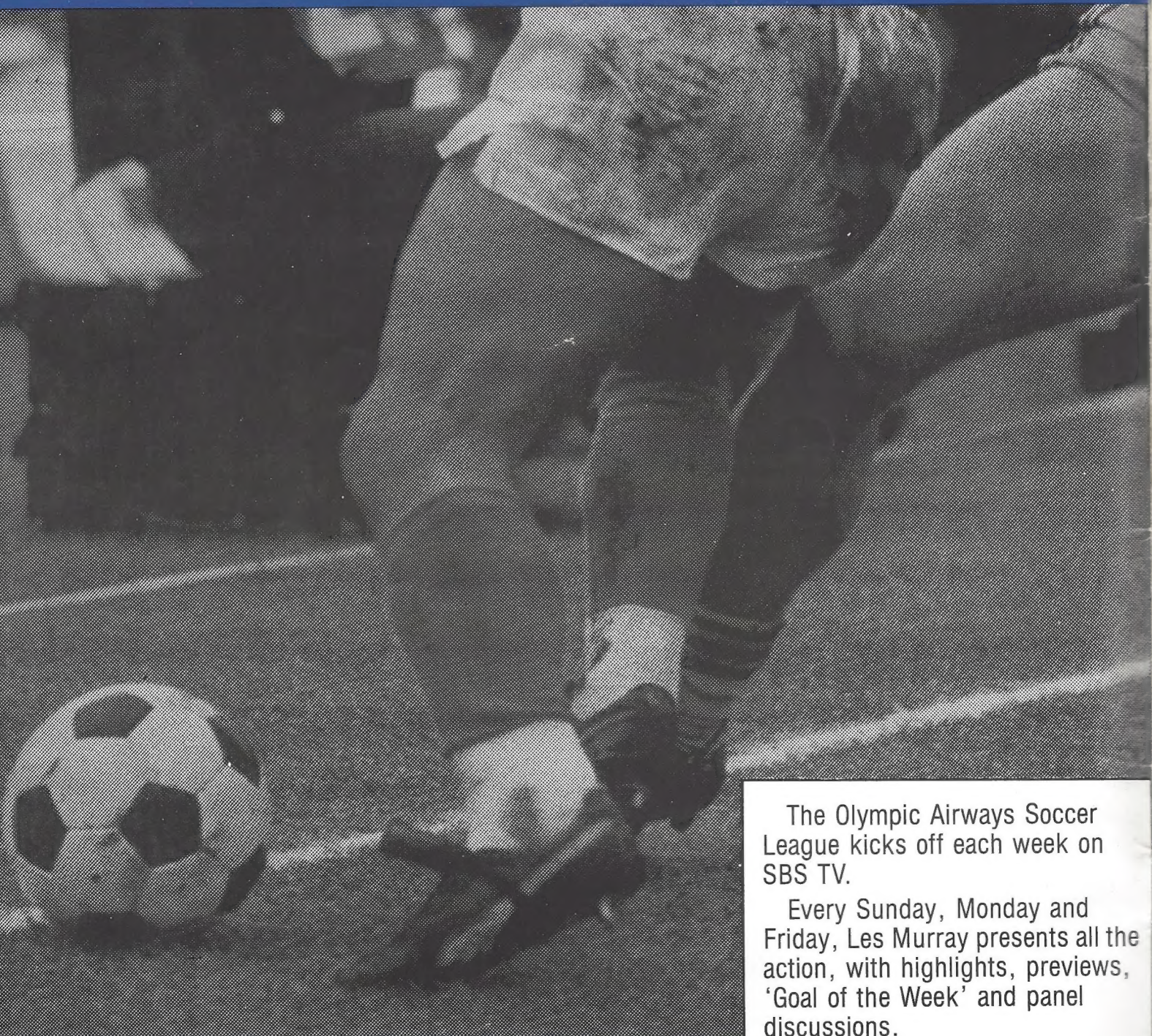
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Who would have guessed at the start of the season that after 13 rounds Footscray would be leading the Southern Division and quickly firming as certainties for next year's competition.

Footscray, after being relegated at the end of 1985, gained a reprieve by virtue of the fact that the top two V.S.F. clubs from last year felt they were not ready to compete at this level.

This remarkable turnaround has been achieved without doubt, as a result of the influence of coach Dragoslav Sekularac, who with some astute buying together with the blending of youth with older, more experienced players, has put together a team that is capable of tackling the best teams in Australia.

Sekularac, who in his playing days was one of the greatest talents ever produced in Europe, has in his six month stint in Australia proved his immense value. I certainly hope that his stay will extend beyond one season. Soccer needs his vast experience and more coaches like him.

Incidentally, Footscray's best ever position in the League was in 1977 and again in 1984 when they finished in eighth spot.

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Last month I expressed my concern at the attacks on National Coach Frank Arok by some sections of the code, particularly the Queensland press.

I subsequently received a telephone call from A.S.F. Secretary, Alan Vessey, pointing out that he felt part of my article was misleading. I promised to rectify this immediately.

To now clarify the position, the concern in Queensland is not to do with the exclusion of Queensland based players from the national team, but the apparent lack of opportunity for eventual selection.

One would hope that the National Coach provides an opportunity for selection for all potential national team players, but as I said last month, Frank Arok by now is well aware of the talent available and the type of players capable of fitting into his plans.

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The dates for the end of season functions have now been settled.

On Tuesday, 21st October, 1986 the Rothmans Gold Meal dinner will be held at the Southern Cross

Hotel, Melbourne. Rothmans are presently in the process of arranging a guest of honour from overseas. You may remember last year, that guest was former Northern Ireland international Terry Neill. Terry on that occasion awarded the inaugural medal to Jim Patikas.

On Monday, 27th October, 1986 the League, in conjunction with ASPA, will hold its annual awards night at the Regent Hotel, Sydney to present the Wedgwood Bowl to the Player of the Year as well as the Power Sports Footwear Trophy to the top goalscorer for 1986.

This function will be telecast live throughout Australia by SBS Television and the night will take the form of a 90 minute variety spectacular.

Some tickets will go on sale to the public for this black tie event and more details will be provided in next month's magazine.

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After 13 Rounds of the Competition, the battle to find the top 14 teams under the criteria set out, shows that 16 clubs are now in close contention. These are:

Sydney Croatia	Footscray
Marconi	Brunswick Juv.
Sydney Olympic	Heidelberg Utd.
Sydney City	Adelaide City
Blacktown City	Sth Melbourne
St. George	Preston M'donia
Wollongong	Melb. Croatia
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So close is it, though, at the cut-off point, that clubs can move in and out of the 14 at the gaining or dropping of a single point.

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The National Team's campaign to build a side capable of reaching the Olympic Games Finals in Seoul in 1988 commences next month in a three match series against Czechoslovakia.

Matches will be played on Sunday, 3rd August, in Melbourne; Wednesday, 6th August in Adelaide; and Sunday, 10th August in Sydney at the Parramatta Stadium.

As an added attraction, although matches would be played in other venues, negotiations are presently underway to also stage a series of matches between Australia and Czechoslovakia at youth level.

Let's hope this series comes to fruition. As well as providing a build up for our Youth Team's forthcoming World Youth Championship Qualifying Series in New Zealand, it will provide an opportunity for Australia to gauge its strength against one of Europe's leading soccer nations.

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Soccer will be played at Parramatta Stadium for the first time during the Czechoslovakian series next month, but the League is also seeking to utilise those facilities for the second leg of its National Final on Sunday, 19th October, 1986.

Once this venue is confirmed, the League is looking at the idea of pre-selling tickets, something it has previously never been in a position to do in Sydney.

OFF THE POST

STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

I congratulate you on a first class magazine, it's about time a magazine of this calibre appeared on the scene and it appears to be going from strength to strength. I'm sick of looking through the newspaper type in black and white, I was also wondering whether I was colourblind when your 'mag' came along.

That's enough backslapping and on to ways of improving the magazine. One little hype in your scores and tables column! How about putting in player performance points for every game, also the referee who was officiating the game and his performance points.

Another matter that irks me is the fact that the State League and other soccer bodies play on Sunday at 3.00 p.m. the official start time for the O.A.S.L. I play for a local amateur league team and hardly get a chance to go to a National League game and by all accounts most of the players in my team feel the same way. You really only have two options, whether to play or watch, which isn't fair, in my case one of the two has to suffer. I'm sure if all the soccer bodies get together and try to work something out, they'll come to some kind of compromise.

About the three point system. I think it's a great idea as it injects more attacking soccer on to our pitches, and must at least bring some percentage of our supporters back to the grounds, last time it was used it wasn't really given a fair showing.

Here's one great idea that will help the sales of your magazine. How about a pull-out two page colour spread of each National League team with a few facts and achievements of the team listed below. I'm pretty sure it will excite the younger fans, who will display them on their walls.

Once again congratulations on your magazine and keep up the great work and commitment.

*J. Lamprou
Lalor, Victoria*

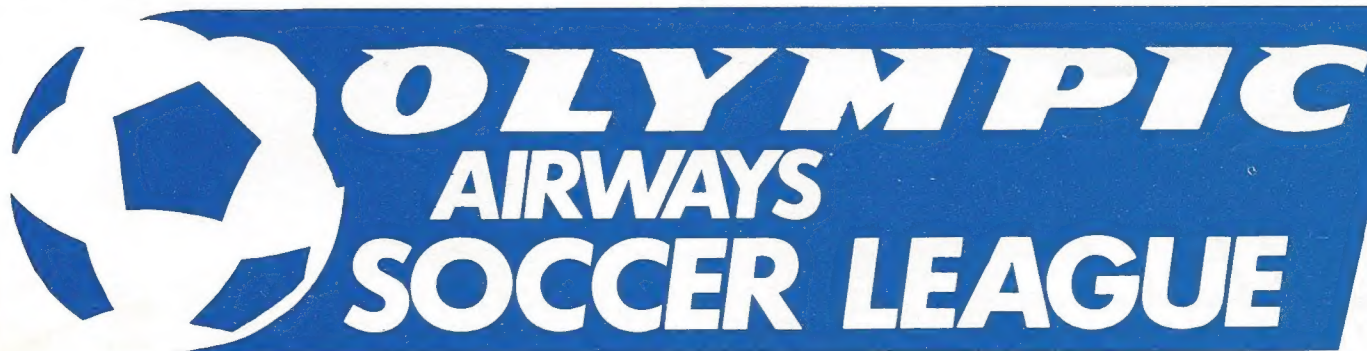
P.S. Watch the mighty 'bergers; in the second half of the season. Go Heidelberg!

Ed: Thank you for a very interesting letter and suggestions. Firstly, I must point out that we would be unable to indicate 'performance points' to players for every game for two reasons:

1. The performance points you see in soccer journals, are those awarded in the opinion of the particular journalist covering that match. We do not cover the individual games but only provide match statistics as an alternative.

2. As the official organ of the Olympic Airways Soccer League it would be unfair for us to comment on the performances of any clubs' players, which might be detrimental to our member clubs.

However your other suggestions will be given careful consideration and the points you have raised may encourage other readers to write to us and express their views on the subjects.



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THE VICTORIAN SCENE



Heidelberg's Jeff Olver repels a Preston attack.



Juventus' Scott Patterson makes a determined effort to hold off Heidelberg's Steve Marley.



Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper punches clear over team-mates Tony Redmond and George Hannah and Juventus midfielder Paul Wade.

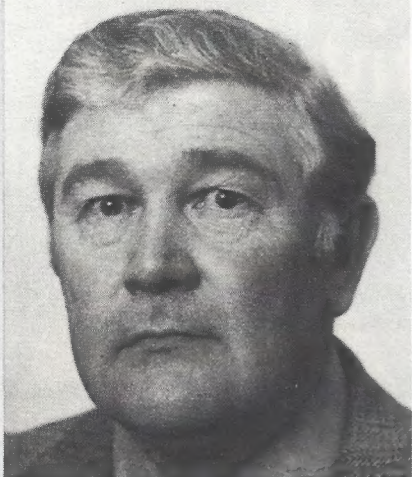
IT'S PLAYER POWER AGAIN!



Footscray's Vojislav Vukcevic clears in a goalmouth scramble against Juventus.



Preston's Mike McLennan grapples in unorthodox fashion with Georgie's John Markovski.



Bob Brian began his career in soccer journalism with the *Daily Mail* in Scotland in 1963 and travelled extensively in Europe covering European cup tournaments.

He moved to Australia 11 years ago and was appointed soccer writer of the *Melbourne Herald* when the Philips League was born in 1977.

A former player at junior and senior level in Scotland, Bob Brian has been in journalism in one capacity or another for 34 years.

VICTORIAN PREVIEW

By Bob Brian



Footscray's Zoran Nikitovic saves.

That dreaded phrase "Player Power" appeared in the Melbourne headlines last month as Hellas faced a crisis which threatened the position held by president Jim Diamataris, manager Pierre Pallas and coach John Margaritis.

One group of committeemen wanted rid of all three and their efforts to succeed were thwarted at a clear-the-air meeting.

But they were given a vote of confidence and Margaritis may have his players to thank for it, despite all the rumours that they were instrumental in putting his head on the chopping block.

As it turned out, one player was held responsible, but his identity is unknown and likely to remain so despite a pledge by Margaritis to find out who was stabbing him in the back.

Nevertheless, it was a week of distrust and there is little doubt it left its mark on the Hellas players, who have faced a great deal of criticism from the terraces.

Margaritis has no intention of quitting. "I refuse to resign. I intend to carry on to the best of my ability," he said. But he will have to withstand a lot of extra pressure which only top performances can relieve.

He is determined to find out who caused the trouble and has been backed by Diamataris, who said: "When we find the culprit, he will be out the door right away."

The big question now is: How will the uncertainty affect the team? The next few weeks will tell.

There was also a fair bit of trauma at Green Gully, where another two players were put on the transfer list despite strong claims by the club that it is still determined to survive in the National League.

Gorden Flavell, bought from Preston for \$7,500 and Joe



Paul Lewis (right) challenges Juve's Eddie Campbell.

Vizinini, a \$2,500 buy from State League club Broadmeadows, will follow Paul Lewis and Claude Lucchesi to pastures new leaving the club short on manpower.



Warren Spink was picked up by Footscray from Preston only 12 hours before the transfer deadline.

Gully has now lost its three goalscorers from last season — Lewis, Lucchesi and David Smallman and they won't find it easy replacing them.

Again the fans are incensed. They feel Lewis should never have been allowed to go to Melbourne Croatia — even for \$20,000 and a group was trying to force an extraordinary meeting.

Footscray which jumped to the top of the Southern Division with an unbeaten run of eight games, had a little extra pressure applied by Heidelberg United and the first cracks appeared in the hitherto solid facade.

But coach Drago Sekularac, who has already worked wonders, is unperturbed — at least on the outside.

Through a committeeman (he doesn't speak English) he made it clear that this was to be expected some time, but Footscray's new professionalism will see it through.

Just how professional Footscray now is was found out by young left back Rado Barjaktarevic during the Heidelberg game.

He missed it because of a suspension, but if he thought he was going to spend a restful Sunday afternoon he was wrong.

He was told to turn up early and was then sent out to do a long series of sprints up and down Heidelberg's practices pitch as a punishment.

"He wants the players to know what to expect if they miss games because of

suspension so that they learn to control themselves," said Sekularac's interpreter.

He is obviously a man who demands a high standard of behaviour as well as fitness from his players — and there is no doubt that Footscray is all the better for it.

Heidelberg took a bit of a gamble when it signed Dougie Brown from Hellas for \$11,000 but it looks as if it might work out.

Brown scored the equaliser on his debut against Preston and he has shown a new enthusiasm for the game since.

Brown is well known as a goalscorer having led the National list in 1983 and 1984 and if he can recover that form, which looks likely, Hellas could rue the day it let him go — just as Preston did three seasons ago.

Juventus suffered a blow to its championship hopes when it lost to Footscray, but there is every sign that it will be fighting it out for top place at the finish.

The loss of Mike Petersen was a set-back which upset team plans, but he is on the way back now and coach Len McKendry is now able to put out a more recognisable team.

Peter Lewis' suspension didn't help matters, but things have settled down again and Juventus

is looking as strong as it ever was.

Hellas was after one of its strikers, Joe Sweeney, but when the enquiry was made, the reply was a quick "You can have him in exchange for Charlie Egan." Naturally Hellas began looking elsewhere.

Preston's new signing, Martin Woodall from Kidderminster in the English Goal League, has already won the hearts of the fans.

A big strong lad, Woodall has lots of talent and determination and he should give Preston the mid-field power to put in a strong challenge for the title.

Certainly coach Bill Murray is pleased: "He looks pretty good to me and Steve Smith, who played against him in England, thoroughly recommends him."

Sunshine George Cross continues to baffle the "experts" who thought its days in the National League were numbered when reconstruction was announced.

It may not be banging in the goals in an all-or-nothing bid for glory, but coach John Gardiner, a very astute man, is getting good results with cold-blooded calculation.

Whatever happens to Sunshine George Cross, he is bound to go down as the coaching find of the season.



Doug Brown V Shaun Parton

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SOCCER PERSONALITIES

No. 2 in an Occasional Series TOMMY DOCHERTY

It is typical of Tommy Docherty that he is currently trying to negotiate a contract as coach of the Israeli national team and in the event of that falling through, a club job in Bahrain.

But even while doing this, his main ambition is to take over the Scotland job when Alex Ferguson quits on his return from Mexico.

Ferguson has said he is not interested in keeping the job — and that's all the encouragement Docherty needs.

You just can't keep him down. Many have tried, but the irrepressible Scot from the toughest area in Scotland — Glasgow's Gorbals — keeps getting up with a smile on his face and a one-liner on his lips.

"I wouldn't know I was living if I wasn't fighting for survival," he once told me during his often controversial stay in Australia.

"I can take a punch better than Joe Frasier because I never learned to duck and weave."

Docherty's all too short involvement in Australian soccer will never be forgotten by anyone who met him.

I recall taking him to an Australian Rules football game at VFL Park in Melbourne one Saturday.

We were in the VIP room (where else?) and had just finished lunch. In the few minutes left before the start of the game I had something in the region of six requests from footy dignitaries to be introduced to 'The Doc'.

I doubt if any other coach in the history of Australian soccer had ever been so favoured.

On another occasion he kept a whole restaurant entertained with stories of his life in soccer and otherwise for an hour and a half (fittingly) to the great delight of the management and several of the Melbourne Herald's sports journalists.

He thrived on the attention as he always did and if I only had a tape recorder with me I could have written a book.



Tommy Docherty (right) with former Liverpool and South Melbourne striker Alun Evans.

His humour could be cutting, but it was always funny with more than a hint of truth and he spared no one, including himself. One of his best stories concerns Frank Carson, a comedian in England and a good friend of his.

It was during Docherty's famous perjury case that Carson, on national television told of how he was driving home late one night when he knocked someone over. He got out of the car and found The Doc lying on the ground.

"He was dead, so I buried him," he told his wife.

"Are you positive," she asked.

"Well, he said he wasn't, but you know what a liar he is" came the reply.

Docherty's quips are legend. Like when he told his board of directors during negotiations for a player: "When I want your opinion, I'll give it to you."

Or after a disastrous 5-0 defeat: "I thought we did well to get nil."

Club directors were always in his firing line and he pursued them relentlessly.

He once said that the ideal board of directors is four — three dead and one dying.

Prima Donnas were equally severely dealt with. One such

player once asked Docherty why he had been dropped to the reserves for the following game. "Because the third team isn't playing," he was quickly told.

At least one referee is known to have got the better of him although he would never name him.

But the story goes what while playing for Preston North End, Docherty fouled Ray Barlow and Ronnie Allen scored from the resulting penalty kick to give West Bromwich Albion a victory.

Says Doc: "I said to the referee 'that was never a penalty, sir'. We always called them 'sir' in those days. He replied 'Look in the papers tomorrow and you'll find I was right.'"

"I think it's the first time I have ever been caught without a reply," he said.

Another he delights in telling against himself is that when he was appointed manager of Rotherham he gathered the players and directors around him and told them not to worry, they would not be staying in the second division.

"I was right again. I took them down to the third."

That always was, still is and always will be Tommy Docherty.

Continued Page 30

MID-TERM REPORT —



Allan Crisp — Soccer is his specialty. Crisp played first division in the S.A. Soccer Association, was a State selector for the S.A. Soccer Federation and was often heard as a commentator on radio. He has covered two FA Cup finals at Wembley and the World Youth Championship in Mexico.

The Education Department of South Australia has just released its mid-term report on Olympic Airways Soccer League students, Adelaide City Juventus and Adelaide Hellas.

Adelaide City has been accorded an A for outstanding achievement, while Hellas has been graded D — for performing below a satisfactory standard.

Provided it maintains its current attitude and splendid attention to all areas of the league syllabus, Adelaide City could easily end the final term as dux of the school.

However, Hellas must follow the guide to interpretation of its D grading, i.e. improvement is needed to warrant promotion at the end of the year.

The family background of the students under review are vastly different.

**By Alan Crisp
of "The Advertiser"**

Hellas comes from a wealthy household, while City's parents are constantly battling against deprivation.

Because of its riches, Hellas attracted some star pupils, who receive much more lunch money than the City boys.

City's desire to learn and its hungry approach has pulled it through several gruelling tests.

Hellas, by contrast, has flunked seven examinations and passed only three.

Hellas was doubtless unsettled when it changed teachers after the fifth lesson.

City has had the same mentor since the start of the school year and most of the senior class have been together since kindergarten.

Head prefects, Bugsy Nyskohus and Neville Flounders always encourage their classmates to greater deeds.

But the one worrying aspect thus far has been the alarming number of injuries suffered on the playground.

Brian Northcote, Adrian Santrac, Paul Wilde, Paul Shillabeer, Sergio Melta, Alex Tobin, Colin Miller and Willie McNally all reported sick at various stages and were forced to miss lessons.

Hellas has been more fortunate, having suffered less injuries, but has lost its Scottish visitor, Brian McLaughlin, who has returned to his homeland.

But, what of the readiness of the pupils to proceed to the next stage of the work — the vital final term that will determine their respective futures.

Conservative Matic says he is not aiming to be dux of the school, but he does believe that Adelaide City is sufficiently competent to qualify for entry to the OASL College in 1987.



Adelaide Hellas' Chris Manou and South's Ken Murphy

CITY THE DUX, HELLAS THE DUNCES

As for Hellas, its teacher Edmund Kreft has unswerving faith that his class will matriculate, despite its indifferent first term result.

He has plans to regroup and reorganise in the precious time left to restore confidence. Study habits may need to be revised and a totally different attitude adopted to homework.

It is an indisputable fact that Hellas has failed to realise its enormous potential.

From now on every assignment will be like a final exam.

There will be no slackers, no truants, only a truculent desire to succeed.



Adelaide City's Joe Mullen (left) about to tackle South Melbourne's Danny Crainie.

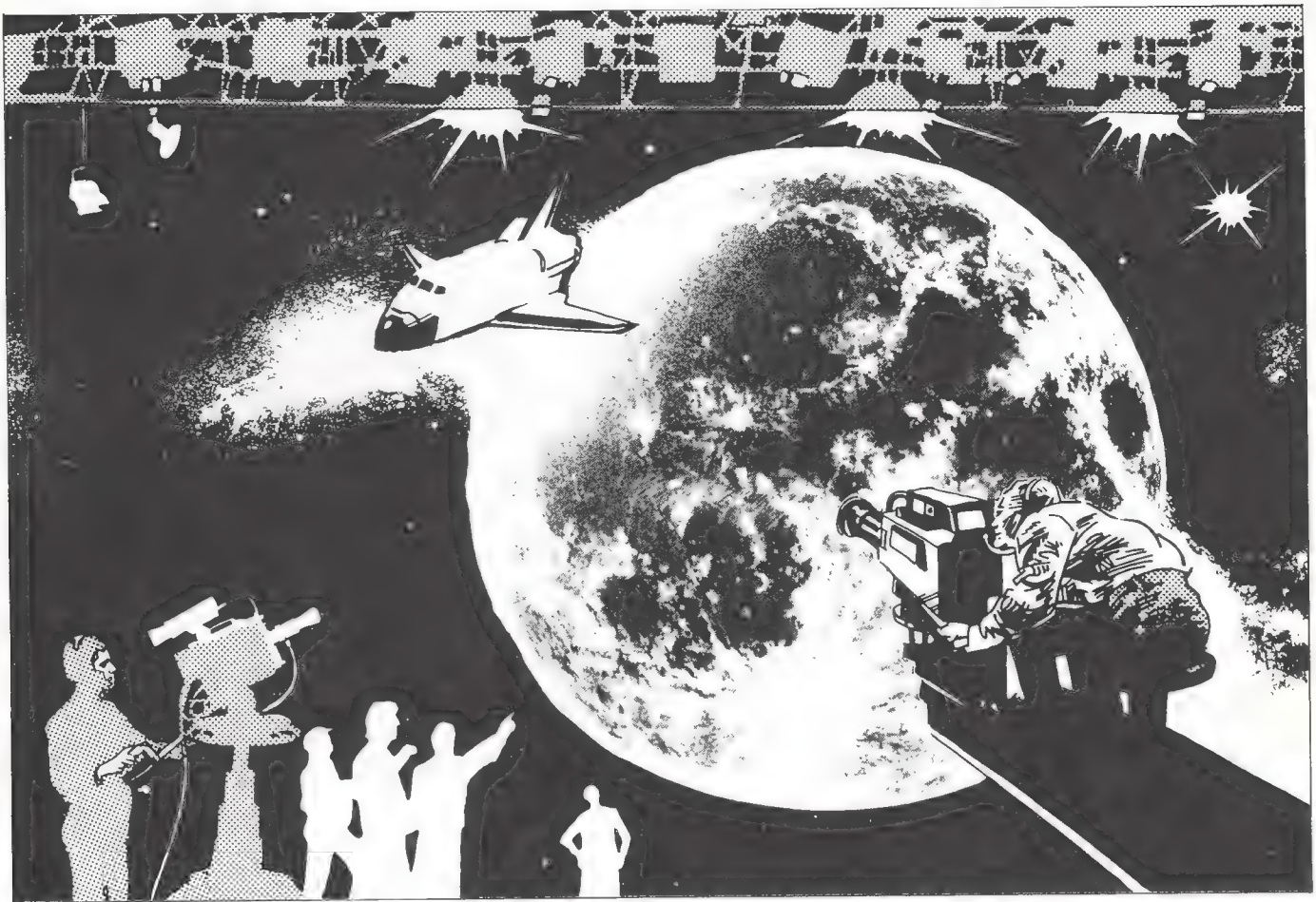


Tim Brown of Adelaide Hellas and Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg.



Tim Brown of Adelaide Hellas and Joe Mullen of Adelaide City.

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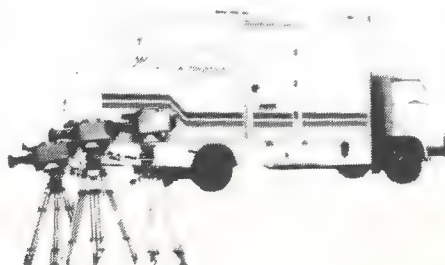
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Eddie Krncevic, Australia's most distinguished native-born player, recently transferred from Belgium's Cercle Brugge to champions Anderlecht for the record sum of \$700,000.

He'll play in distinguished company at Anderlecht too. No fewer than nine of his new colleagues played in the World Cup in Mexico.

Six, Jacky Munaron, Georges Grun, Rene Vendereycken, Frankie Vercauteren, Enzo Scifo and Erwin Vandenberghe played for Belgium, whilst three, Morten Olsen, Kenrik Andersen and Frimann were in the Danish squad. It's a considerable feather in the Geelong-born player's cap that he is considered good enough to lead the Belgian champions' attack, but unfortunately, for his own country, it seems he is, like Aston Villa's Tony Dorigo, lost to the Socceroos for ever.

Eddie says that after his experience of dealing with Frank Arok when he was here on holiday last year, he doesn't want to play for the Socceroos ever again 'until the set-up changes'.



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30th May

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0)	0
CANBERRA CITY.....(0)	1 *

Palacios (110)

* After extra time

St. George Stadium — 3107

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Stevenson (Soper), Johnstone, Kalantzis, Estavillo, Spanoudakis (Brandt).

Canberra City: Franken, Dunn, Byrne, Bryant, Burke, Mihailidis, Sermanni, Phillips, Palacios, Hamilton, Junna.

1st June

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(1)	2
Honeyman (32), Konstandopoulos (84)	
CROYDON CITY (VIC).....(1)	1
Humble (14)	

Hindmarsh Stadium —

Adelaide Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Panagis, Scott, Konstandopoulos, Papadopoulos, Price.

Croydon City: Blasby, Brown, Tansey, MacDonald, O'Reilly, Beech, Livingstone, Humble, French, Brogan, McLean.

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(2)	3
Slater (87), Thornthwaite (30, 31)	
HEIDELBERG UTD.....(1)	3
Tsolakis (13, 80), Selemidis (60)	

Olympic Park No. 1 —

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Knight, Ainsworth, MacLeod, Byrne, Bradley, Ellem (Sandy), Slater, Carroll, Thornthwaite.

Heidelberg Utd.: Oliver, McKie, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Katsakidis, Tsolakis, Deligiannis (Pappas), Angele (Metaxas), Kanasoulis, Wilson.

4th June

BRISBANE CITY.....(1)	1
Fabrizio (1)	
SYDNEY CITY.....(1)	3
Barnes (40), Saad (52), Falconer (67)	

Perry Park —

Brisbane City: Harrison, Archer (Hogg), Bromfield, Perry, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Lettieri, Hamilton, Cooper, White (Catalano), D. Milosevic.

Sydney City: McPherson, Rodrigues, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marginy, Barnes, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Saad), P. Falconer.

ROUND 9 Northern Division

8th June

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0)	0
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0)	2

Arnold (64), Odzakov (84)

Gabbie Stadium — 3316

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Sandy, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Bradley, Knight, Slater, Carroll, Thornthwaite (Kay).

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, Jennings, Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Rumora (Rezo), Odzakov, Lamond (Dragicevic).

CANTERBURY M.O.....(0)	1
Radman (70)	
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD.....(2)	3
M. Jones (42, 58), Ingham (34)	

Arlington Oval — 1271

Canterbury M.O.: Barker, Karaspyros Hantzis, Haniotis, Radman, Zaimi, Zrilic, Godzik, Pettas (Philippou), Borges, Thamnidis (Svinos).

Newcastle Rosebud: Gosling, Maier, M. Jones, Garland, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, R. Milosevic.

INTER MONARO.....(1)	2
Carbone (34), Winn (80)	
ST. GEORGE.....(0)	1
Ollerenshaw (68)	

Bruce Stadium — 480

Inter Monaro: Antonopoulos, Tuilawa, Galletti, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon (D'Addario), Carbone, A. Ambrosino (Perinovic), Walsh, Winn, Trajanoski.

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Lampropoulos, M. O'Shea, Petkovski (Porter), Orsagh, Moffit (Ricoy), Ollerenshaw, Koczka.

MARCONI.....(1)	1
Tredinnick (40)	
APIA LEICHHARDT.....(0)	2
Bertogna (47 pen.), Parison (83)	

Marconi Stadium — 2789

Marconi: James, Carter, Rizzotta, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Janin.

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Steven, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Bundalo, Stewart, Koussas, Lorens, Morsello, Parison.

SYDNEY CITY.....(0)	1
Gomez (55)	
CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS.....(0)	1
Palacios (64)	

Sydney Athletic Field — 632

Sydney City: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, DeMarigny, Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Saad, O'Hana.

Canberra City: Franken, Dunn, Bryant, Burke, Byrne, Hamilton, Mihailidis (Cant), Sermanni, Palacios, Junna (Gibson), Phillips.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0)	0
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(0)	1
Coady (52)	

Wollongong Showground — 5130

Wollongong City: Young, Green (Fleming), Merlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Stevanovski, Batten, Kotamanidis, Murray (Brown), Brodnik.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Stankovic, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper (Brandt), Johnstone, Kalantzis (Estavillo), Patalis.

ROUND 9 Southern Division

8th June

ADELAIDE CITY.....(3)	3
Mullen (20) — Villani (27, 37)	
ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0)	1

Ward (53)

Olympic Sports Field — 4830

Adelaide City: Niscioli, Higgins, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar (Wilde).

Adelaide Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Scott, Panagis, Price (Manou), Ward.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(3)	3
Morton (13 pen.), Ogden (26), R. Stewart (42)	
GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0

Lions Stadium — 1682

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Liddell, Armit, R. Stewart (Mulvey), J. Stewart, Ogden, Basingthwaight, Wright, Morton, Low.

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Vizzini (Kadleck), Theodosopoulos, McLelland, Campbell (Koca), Barichello, Cummings.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1)	1
Biskic (15)	
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS.....(0)	1
Markovski (65)	

Olympic Park No. 1 — 2167

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah (Redmond), Campbell, Biskic, Gojevic, Bonacic (Cristaldo), Markovac, Lewis.

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Campelj, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Mitten (Markovski), Bain, Lennon.

FOOTSCRAY.....(1)	2
Lujic (6), Latif (73)	
BRUNSWICK UTD. JUV.....(0)	1
Wade (76)	

Schintler Reserve — 6134

Footscray: Vikitovic, R. Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic (Petrovski), Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Bozinoski, Lujic (Simic), Curovic.

Brunswick Utd. Juv.: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney, Dowie (Durakovic), Palatsidis, Campbell, Patterson.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0)	0
BRISBANE CITY.....(0)	0

Middle Park —

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford (Andriotis), Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Murphy, Crainie.

Brisbane City: Harrison, Hogg (Bromfield), Mengotti, Caird, Perry, Fabrizio, Lettieri (Catalano), Hamilton, Cooper, White, Reis.

HEIDELBERG UTD.....(0)	1
Brown (89)	
PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(1)	1
Spink (43)	

Olympic Village — 4350

Heidelberg Utd: Oliver, McKie, Hunter, Valentine, Selemidis, Katsakidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Kanasoulis (Marley), Wilson, Brown.

Preston Makedonia: Triantides, Opasinis, Ilioski (Smith), Dobson, Heys, Petrov, Cole, Lane, Necovski, McLennan, Spinks.



ROUND 10

Northern Division

14th June

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD.....(1)	1
M. Jones (1 pen.)	
INTER MONARO.....(0)	0

Gabbie Stadium —

Newcastle Rosebud: Gosling, Maier, M. Jones, Garland, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, R. Milosevic.

Inter Monaro: Antonopoulos, Walsh, Galletti, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon, A. Carbone, A. Ambrosino, Winn, Trajanoski (Willcox), D'Addario (Perinovic).

15th June

APIA LEICHHARDT.....(0)	1
Lorens (70)	
BLACKTOWN CITY.....(1)	1
Slater (42)	

Lambert Park — 1351

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Steven, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo (Parison), Koussas (Morsello), Lorens, Baran, Butler.

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Knight, Ainsworth, MacLeod, Kay, Bradley, Denyer (Byrne), Slater, Sandy, Thornthwaite (Carroll).

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS.....(0)	0
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0)	0

Bruce Stadium — 943

Canberra City: Franken, Dunn, Burke, Cant, Byrne, Bryant, Sermanni, Hamilton, Palacios, Phillips, Junna (Mihailidia).

Wollongong City: Young, Gaffney, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldi, Arcosa, Kotamanidis, Murray (Batten), Brodnik.

SYDNEY CITY.....(5)	7
Barnes (12), Kosmina (17 pen., 27, 37), O'Connor (34), O'Hana (63 own goal)	
ST. GEORGE.....(0)	0

Sydney Athletic Field — 702

Sydney City: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, DeMarigny, Barnes, Watson, Gomez (Rodrigues), Farina, Kosmina, Lee, O'Hana (McCulloch).

St. George: Gibson, Skeen (Porter), R. O'Shea, M. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Petkovski, Orsagh (Cotton), Koczka, Moffitt, Ollerenshaw, Lampropoulos.

SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1)	1
Arnold (21)	

CANTERBURY M.O.....(0)	0
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Croatian Sports Centre — 4172

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Savor, Jennings, M. Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Rumora (Dragicevic), Odzakov, Lamond.

Canterbury M.O.: Hummel, Svinos, Hantzis, Haniotis, Akoutas, Kalogeras (Karaspyros), Godzik, Zaimi, Borges, Zrilic, Philippou (Jebraiel).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1)	1
Estavilio — (27)	

MARCONI.....(1)	1
Janin (40)	

Pratten Park —

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Stankovic (Brandt), Philips, Raskopoulos, Soper, Johnstone (Katholos), Kalantzis, Estavilio, Spanoudakis.

Marconi: James, Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Janin, El Ali (Colusso).

ROUND 10

Southern Division

15th June

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0)	0
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(2)	2
Egan (3), Nicolaidis (35)	

Hindmarsh Stadium — 2876

Adelaide Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos (Papadopoulos), Scott, Panagis, Manou, Ward.

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford, Davidson, Egan, Murphy, Crainie, Nicolaidis.

BRISBANE CITY.....(1)	1
Cooper (40 pen.)	

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1)	3
Markovac (60), Campbell (15), Gojevic (87)	

Spencer Park — 2875

Brisbane City: Harrison, Caird (Archer), Bromfield, Perry, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Lettieri, Hamilton (Catalano), Cooper, White, Reis.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Cristaldo, Biskic (Redmond), Gojevic, Markovac, Lewis.

BRUNSWICK U.J.....(0)	1
Cullen (60)	

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0)	0
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Olympic Park No. 2 —

Brunswick U.J.: Banovic, Durakovic, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney, Pettersen, Palatsidis, Campbell, Patterson.

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Liddell, Armit, McSkimming, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Bassingthwaighe (Anderson), Wright, Druery (Mulvey).

GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0
ADELAIDE CITY.....(1)	1

Mullen (2)	
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Green Gully Reserve — 352

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Fraser, McLelland, Flavell, Campbell (Reynolds), Barichello, Kadlecik, Theodosopoulos (Vizzini), Cumming.

Adelaide City: Niscioli, Higgins, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

HEIDELBERG UTD.....(1)	2
Selemidis (44), Hunter (69 pen.)	

FOOTSCRAY.....(1)	1
Latif (24)	

Olympic Village — 5600

Heidelberg Utd.: Olver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Selemidis, Katsokidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Pappas (Valentine), Wilson, Brown (Kanasoulis).

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Latif, Bozinoski, Lujic (Simic), Curovic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(0)	1
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Cole (77 pen.)	
SUNSHINE G.C.....(0)	1

Parton (48)	
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Connor Reserve — 4532

Preston Makedonia: Triandis, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Dobson, Petrov (Woodall), Heys, Smith, Cole, Lane, McLennan, Spink.

Sunshine G.C.: Kastner, Taylor, Campelj, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain (Markovski), Lennon.

ROUND 11

Northern Division

22nd June

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(0)	1
Kay (81)	

SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(2)	3
Johnstone (16), Kalantzis (21), Phillips (79)	

Gabbie Stadium — 2941

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Knight, MacLeod (Byrne), Ainsworth, Kay, Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Sandy (Thornthwaite).

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Soper, Katholos, Johnstone, Kalantzis, Estavilio (Brandt), Spanoudakis (Patalis).

CANTERBURY M.O.....(2)	2
Zrilic (6, 37)	

APIA LEICHHARDT.....(0)	2
Lorens (64), Bozanic (89)	

Arlington Oval —

Canterbury M.O.: Hummel, Svinos, Hantzis, Radman, Akoutas, Licata (Phillippou), Kalogeras, Godzik, Borges, Zrilic, Jebraiel, Karaspyros.

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Steven (Stewart), Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo (Koussas), Baran, Butler, Lorens, Turnbull.

INTER MONARO.....(0)	0
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(1)	4

Arnold (40, 84), Dragicevic (75), Odzakov (80)	
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Bruce Stadium —

Inter Monaro: Antonopoulos, Walsh, Galletti, Budini, Titilas, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Willcox (Tulawa), Winn, Perinovic, Trajanoski (A. Ambrosino).

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Rezo, Jennings, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin (Dragicevic), Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakov, Lamond.

MARCONI.....(0)	2
Brown (47), El Ali (70)	

CANBERRA CITY.....(0)	0
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Marconi Stadium — 1240

Marconi: James, Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Lowe, Tredinnick, Sterrey, Janin (Brown), El Ali, Colusso.

Canberra City: Franken (Mihailidis), Cant, Dunn, Bryant (Junna), Byrne, Bourke, Sermanni, Palacios, Hamilton, Gibson, Phillips.

ST. GEORGE.....(1)	4
Fletcher (30, 47), Ricoy (78), Cotton (88)	

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD.....(1)	2
Ingham (2), M. Jones (48)	

St. George Stadium — 663

St. George: Gibson, Caban, Kiczka (R. O'Shea), J. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Ollerenshaw, Cotton, Porter, Ricoy, Fletcher (McKie).

Newcastle Rosebud: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic, Heap.

WOLLONGONG CITY.....(1)	1
Kotamanidis (34)	

SYDNEY CITY.....(0)	1
Lee (80)	

Wollongong Showground —

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Cokely, Giraldi, Arcosa, Gaffney, Kotamanidis, Brodnik (Batten).

Sydney City: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, DeMarigny (McCulloch), Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee, O'Hana.

MEXICO WORLD CUP 1986



Maradona scores against Belgium.



Denmark's Soren Lerby hugs Preben Elkjaer who has just scored the winner again Scotland.



Mexico's goalkeeper Pablo Larios saves against West Germany.



Paraguay's Alfredo Mendoza hurdles Mexico's Fernando Quirarte.



Michel Platini of France beats Hungary's Josef Kardos.

'ARGENTINA



Hans Peter Briegel evades the tackle of Scotland's Roy Aitken.



How sweet it is
Diego Maradona.

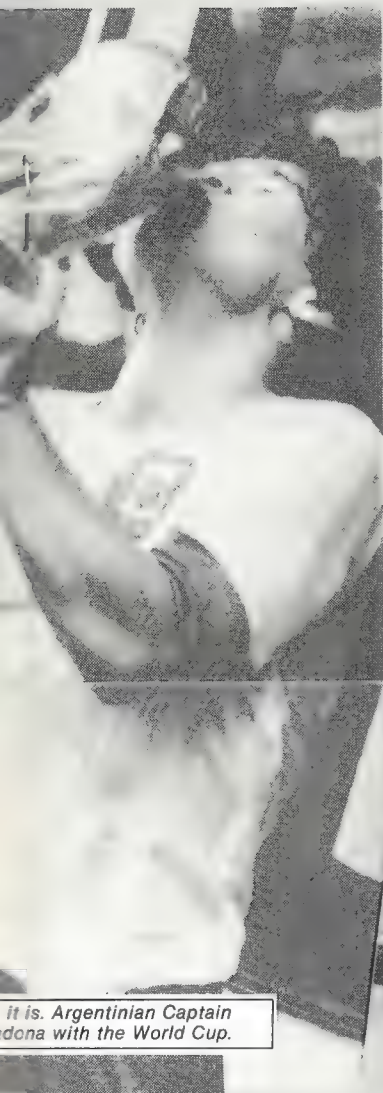
England's Mark Hateley challenges Morocco's Abdelmajid Dolmy.

Hans Peter Briegel of West Germany blocks Morocco's El Idrissi.

Russia's Sergei Rodionov confronts Canadian goalie Tino Litteri.

France's Michel Platini holds off Brazil's Julio Cesar.

TRIUMPHS''



It is. Argentinian Captain Maradona with the World Cup.

Michel Platini has the ball on a string as he evades Italy's Antonio Cabrini.



Brazil's Junior rides a tackle from Algeria's Abdellah Medjadi.



South Korea's Choi Soon-Ho as he blocks Argentina's Oscar Ruggeri.



Michel Platini evades Julio Cesar's tackle.



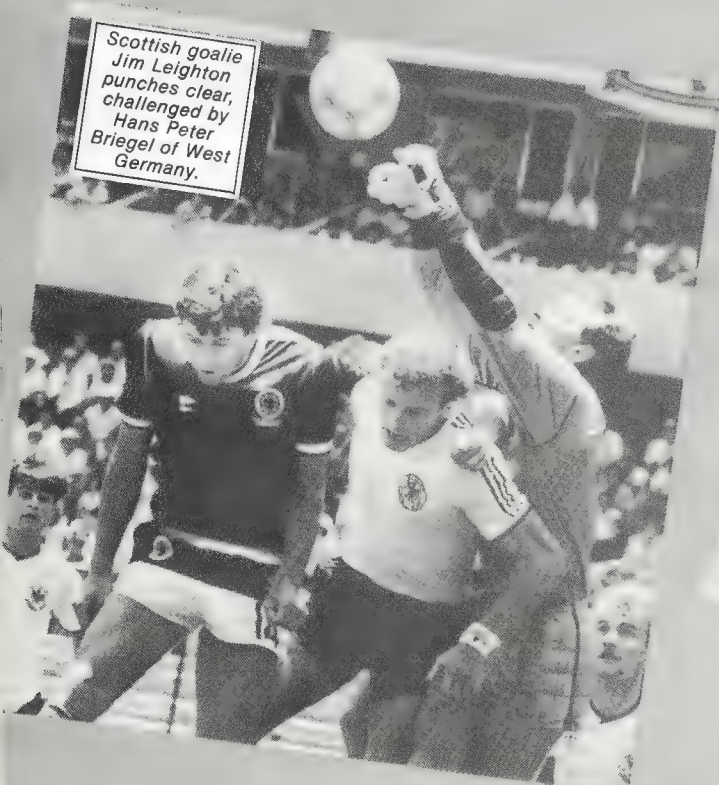
France's Dominique Rocheteau hemmed in by Brazilian defenders.



South Korea's Kim Young-Se trips Diego Maradona.



West Germany's Lothar Matthaeus foils Mexico's Manuel Negrete.



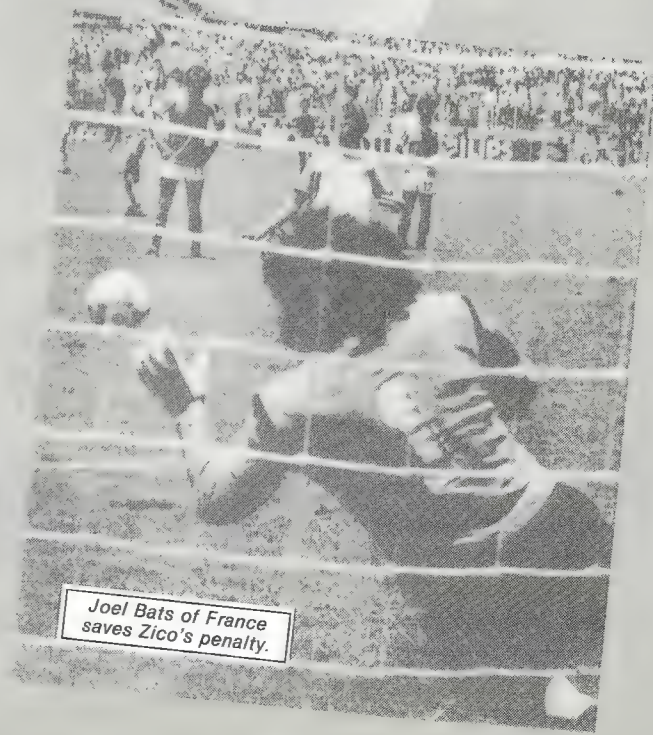
Scottish goalie Jim Leighton punches clear, challenged by Hans Peter Briegel of West Germany.



Diego Maradona equalizes against Italy.



Rummenigge scores for West Germany in the Final.



Joel Bats of France saves Zico's penalty.

ROUND 11

Southern Division

22nd June

ADELAIDE CITY.....(0)	0
BRUNSWICK U.J.....(0)	0
Olympic Sportsfield — 2393	

Adelaide City: Niscioli, Higgins, Tobin (Shillabeer), Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

Brunswick U.J.: Banovac, Durakovic, Campbell, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney, Palatsidis, Petersen, Patterson.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(0)	0
HEIDELBERG UTD.....(2)	2
Lions Stadium — 1174	

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Liddell, Armit, McSkimming, Mulvey (Richardson), J. Stewart, Ogden, Anderson (Drury), Wright, Morton.

Heidelberg Utd.: Olver, McKie, Ketsakidis, Marley, Hunter, Selemidis, Wilson, Deligiannis, Tsolakis, Lucchesi, Kanesoulis.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(0)	0
FOOTSCRAY.....(1)	1
Latif (8).	
Connor Reserve — 4952#	

Preston Makedonia: Triandis, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Heys (Necovski), Cole, Lane, Smith, Woodall, Spink.

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stolic, Latif, Bozinovski (Curovic), Lujic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(2)	5
Egan (37, 72 pen., 81 pen.), Murphy (39), Davidson (89)	
GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0
Middle Park — 1800#	

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford, Davidson, Miranda, Egan, Murphy, Nicolaidis.

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, McLelland, Campbell, Theodosopoulos, Barichello (Kica), Kadlecik (Pace), Reynolds.

MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(0)	1
Lewis (48)	
ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(1)	2
Konstandopoulos (8, 58)	
Olympic Park No. 1 — 1462#	

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Cristaldo, Biskic, Gojevic (Bonacic), Markovac, Lewis.

Adelaide Hellas: Crook, Brown, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Manou, Scott, Panagis, Ward, Genikas.

SUNSHINE G.C.....(0)	1
BRISBANE CITY.....(0)	2
Fabrizio (49), Cooper (54)	
Chaplin Reserve — 900#	

Sunshine G.C.: Keogh, Taylor, Campelj, Parton, James, Richardson (Markovski), Faulkner, McLaren (Mitten), Gilder, Bain, Lennon.

Brisbane City: Harrison, Caird, Guglielmino (Lettieri), Perry, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Catalano (Archer), Bromfield, Cooper, White, Reis.

ROUND 12

Northern Division

28th June

BLACKTOWN CITY.....(2)	2
Thornthwaite (24, 42)	
CANBERRA CITY.....(0)	1
Phillips	
Gabbie Stadium — 760	

Blacktown City: Curtis, Willis, Knight, Ainsworth, Denyer, Byrne, Kay, Sandy, Slater (Bradley), Carroll, Thornthwaite.

Canberra City: Economopoulos, Cant, Burke, Phillips, Sermanni, Palacios, Bryant, Gibson, Hamilton (Junna), Byrne, Dunn.

29th June	
CANTERBURY M.O.....(1)	1
Hantzis (44)	
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....(1)	1
Phillips (16 pen.)	
Sydney Athletic Field — 3546#	

Canterbury M.O.: Hummel, Akoutas, Hantzis, Svinos, Radman, Haniotis, Licata, Godzik, Borges (Jebraiel), Zaimi, Zrilic.

Sydney Olympic: Meier, Roger, Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Soper (Brandt), Katholos, Johnstone, Estavilio, Spanoudakis (Patalis).

INTER MONARO.....(0)	1
Carbone (75 pen.)	
APIA LEICHHARDT.....(1)	1
Baran (21)	
Seiffert Oval — 353	

Inter Monaro: Hoszowski, Tuilawa, Williams, Budini, Titilas, Djordjieski (Brennan), Carbone, A. Ambrosino, Walsh, Perinovic, D'Addario (Wotherspoon).

APIA Leichhardt: Pezzano, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Hristovski, Bundalo, Stewart, Baran (Turnbull), Butler, Lorens, Parison.

MARCONI.....(0)	1
Brown (82)	
WOLLONGONG CITY.....(0)	0
Marconi Stadium — 1672	

Marconi: James, Carter (Jankovics), Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Gray (Janin), Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Sterrey, El Ali.

Wollongong City: Young, Green, Morlando, Chilby, Vlietstra, Rivero (Stevanovski), Giraldo, Kotamanidis, Gaffney, Brodnik (Batten), Arcosa.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD.....(1)	5
Cavanah (36), M. Jones (56, 69), Ingham (68, 80).	
SYDNEY CITY.....(0)	1
Kosmina (66)	
Adamstown Oval — 1451	

Newcastle Rosebud: Gosling, Maier, M. Jones, Garland, Bannon, Naumov (Heap), Owens, Cavanah, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic.

Sydney City: McPherson, Robertson, O'Connor, DeMarigny (Saad), Barnes, Watson, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee, McCulloch.

ST. GEORGE.....(0)	0
SYDNEY CROATIA.....(0)	0
St. George Stadium — 4115	

St. George: Gibson, Skeen, R. O'Shea, J. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Ollerenshaw, Cotton, Porter, Ricoy, Fletcher.

Sydney Croatia: Watson, Rezo, Jennings, Dragicevic (M. Kovacic), Rozic, Clinch, Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakovic, Lamond (Petkovic).

ROUND 12

Southern Division

29th June

ADELAIDE HELLAS.....(0)	1
Ward (69 pen.)	
BRISBANE CITY.....(0)	1
Mengotti (83)	
Hindmarsh Stadium — 2515	

Adelaide Hellas: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristogoulou, Konstandopoulos (Papadopoulos), Manou, Panagis, Ward, Genikas.

Brisbane City: Harrison, Caird, Guglielmino, Perry, Mengotti, Bromfield, Fabrizio, Catalano (Lettieri), [Archer], Cooper, Vasquez, Ries.

BRISBANE LIONS.....(1)	1
Dobson (own goal)	
PRESTON MAKEDONIA.....(0)	1
Heys	
Lions Stadium — 1282	

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Liddell, Armit, Bassingthwaite, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, Wright, Morton (McGregor), Richardson.

Preston Makedonia: Triandis, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Dobson, Woodall, Heys, Smith, Cole (Petrov), Lane, McLennan, Necovski (Van Egmond).

BRUNSWICK U.J.....(2)	2
Campbell (7), Brown (42 pen.)	
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....(1)	2
Lewis (36), Biskic (55)	
— 4952#	

Brunswick U.J.: Banovic, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney (Incantaloupo), Petersen, Palatsides, Campbell, Vesnaver, Patterson.

Melbourne Croatia: Runje, McIntosh, Curcio (Talajic), Hannah, Campbell, Cristaldo, Biskic, Bonacic, Markovac, Redmond, Lewis.

FOOTSCRAY.....(1)	1
Stolic (40)	
ADELAIDE CITY.....(0)	0
Schintler Reserve — 3824#	

Footscray: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Tapai, Stolic, Latif, Lujic, Curovic (Brkic), Spink (Atanasovski).

Adelaide City: Niscioli, Higgins, Tobin, Nyskohus, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell (Wilde), Vidmar, Shillabeer.

GREEN GULLY.....(0)	0
SUNSHINE G.C.....(1)	1
Bain (15)	
Green Gully Reserve — 1409	

Green Gully: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Campbell, Carter, Ward, Cumming, McLelland, Barichello (Theodosopoulos).

Sunshine G.C.: Keogh, Campelj, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder, Bain, Markovski (Innes), Lennon.

HEIDELBERG UTD.....(1)	3
Deligiannis (27), Selemidis (75), Wilson (88)	
SOUTH MELBOURNE.....(0)	2
McDowall (33), Stevenson (77)	
Olympic Village — 8250#	

Heidelberg: Olver* (Valentine), McKie, Ketsakidis*, Marley, Hunter, Selemidis, Wilson, Deligiannis, Tsolakis, Lucchesi, Kanesoulis. (*Olver replaced in goal by Ketsakidis).

South Melbourne: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford, Davidson, Miranda, Murphy (Stevenson), Crainie, Nicolaidis.

#Unofficial Crowd

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 9 Northern Division

7th June

Sydney City 2 v Canberra City 0

8th June

Inter-Monaro 0 v St. George 4

Canterbury M.O. 1 v Newcastle 0

Blacktown 3 v Sydney Croatia 2

Marconi 1 v Apia L'hardt 4

9th June

Wollongong 0 v Syd. Olympic 4

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
2. Syd. City	9	7	1	1	28	8	15
3. Canberra	10	6	2	2	27	16	14
4. St. George	10	5	3	2	28	15	13
5. B'town City	10	5	3	2	23	20	13
6. Apia L'hardt	10	5	2	3	27	15	12
7. Syd. Olympic	10	5	2	3	20	15	12
8. Marconi	9	5	0	4	20	16	10
9. Wollongong	9	3	1	5	13	22	7
10. Canterbury	10	2	1	7	5	29	5
11. Inter Monaro	10	2	0	8	7	40	4
12. Newcastle	10	1	1	8	8	26	3
13. Syd. Croatia	10	1	1	8	10	30	3

ROUND 10 Northern Division

14th June

Wollongong 0 v A.I.S. 6

Newcastle 4 v Inter-Monaro 2

15th June

Canberra 4 v Wollongong 1

Syd. Olympic 0 v Marconi 2

Apia L'hardt 0 v Blacktown 1

Syd. Croatia 2 v Canterbury 2

Syd. City 1 v St. George 3

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	10	8	1	1	48	6	17
2. Canberra	11	7	2	2	31	17	16
3. Syd. City	10	7	1	2	29	11	15
4. St. George	11	6	3	2	31	16	15
5. B'town City	11	6	3	2	24	20	15
6. Apia L'hardt	11	5	2	4	27	16	12
7. Marconi	10	6	0	4	22	16	12
8. Syd. Olympic	11	5	2	4	20	17	12
9. Wollongong	11	3	1	7	14	32	7
10. Canterbury	11	2	2	7	7	31	6
11. Newcastle	11	2	1	8	12	28	5
12. Syd. Croatia	11	2	2	8	12	32	4
13. Inter-Monaro	11	2	0	9	9	44	4

ROUND 11 Northern Division

21st June

A.I.S. 6 v Marconi 2

22nd June

St. George 3 v Newcastle 0

Inter Monaro 0 v Syd. Croatia 3

Canterbury 3 v Apia L'hardt 0

B'town City 5 v Syd. Olympic 2

Marconi 3 v Canberra 0

Wollongong 0 v Syd. City 2

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	11	9	1	1	54	8	19
2. Syd. City	11	8	1	2	31	11	17
3. St. George	12	7	3	2	34	16	17
4. B'town City	12	7	3	2	29	22	17
5. Canberra	12	7	2	3	31	20	16
6. Marconi	12	7	0	5	27	22	14
7. Apia L'hardt	12	5	2	5	27	19	12
8. Syd. Olympic	12	5	2	5	22	22	12
9. Canterbury	12	3	2	7	10	31	8
10. Wollongong	12	3	1	8	14	34	7
11. Syd. Croatia	12	2	2	8	15	32	6
12. Newcastle	12	2	1	9	12	31	5
13. Inter Monaro	12	2	0	10	9	47	4

ROUND 12 Northern Division

28th June

A.I.S. 7 v Blacktown 0

Newcastle 0 v Syd. City 1

29th June

Marconi 2 v Wollongong 0

Blacktown 3 v Canberra 0

Canterbury 1 v Syd. Olympic 2

Inter Monaro 1 v Apia L'hardt 1

St. George 3 v Syd. Croatia 1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. A.I.S.	12	10	1	1	61	8	21
2. Syd. City	12	9	1	2	32	11	19
3. St. George	13	8	3	2	37	17	19
4. B'town City	14	8	3	3	32	29	19
5. Canberra	13	7	2	4	31	23	16
6. Marconi	13	8	0	5	29	22	16
7. Syd. Olympic	13	6	2	5	24	23	14
8. Apia L'hardt	13	5	3	5	28	20	13
9. Canterbury	13	3	2	8	11	33	8
10. Wollongong	13	3	1	9	14	36	7
11. Syd. Croatia	13	2	2	9	16	35	6
12. Newcastle	13	2	1	10	12	32	5
13. Inter-Monaro	13	2	1	10	10	48	5

ROUND 9 Southern Division

8th June

Sth Melb. 2 v Franks. Pines 0

Nunawading City ... 3 v Brighton 2

Fawkner 1 v Green Gully 3

Footscray 2 v Bruns. Juv 0

Melb. Croatia 0 v Sunshine G.C. 2

Heidelberg 3 v Preston 1

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	9	7	1	1	31	2	15
2. Sth. Melb.	9	6	2	1	22	8	14
3. Melb. Croatia	9	5	2	2	21	8	12
4. Heidelberg	9	5	2	2	21	16	12
5. Brighton	9	5	1	3	23	9	11
6. Nunawading	9	3	3	3	15	21	9
7. Preston	9	1	6	2	11	9	8
8. Footscray	9	4	0	5	14	16	8
9. Brunswick	9	3	1	5	9	12	7
10. Green Gully	9	2	3	4	9	12	7
11. Franks. Pines	9	2	1	6	13	28	5
12. Fawkner	9	0	0	9	3	51	0

ROUND 10 Southern Division

14th June

Franks. Pines 1 v Melb. Croatia 2

15th June

Heidelberg 5 v Footscray 1

Brunswick 6 v Fawkner 0

Green Gully 0 v Nunawading 1

Brighton 1 v Sth Melb. 4

Preston 1 v Sunshine GC 2

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	10	8	1	1	33	3	17
2. Sth. Melb.	10	7	2	1	26	9	16
3. Melb. Croatia	10	6	2	2	23	9	14
4. Heidelberg	10	6	2	2	26	17	14
5. Brighton	10	5	1	4	24	13	11
6. Nunawading	10	4	3	3	16	21	11
7. Brunswick	10	4	1	5	15	12	9
8. Footscray	10	4	0	6	15	21	8
9. Preston	10	1	6	3	12	11	8
10. Green Gully	10	2	3	5	9	13	7
11. Franks. Pines	10	2	1	7	14	30	5
12. Fawkner	10	0	0	10	3	57	0

ROUND 11 Southern Division

22nd June

Sunshine GC 5 v Franks Pines 1

Melb. Croatia 2 v Brighton 0

Sth. Melb. 1 v Green Gully 2

Nunawading 0 v Brunswick 1

Fawkner 0 v Heidelberg 9

Preston 3 v Footscray 2

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	11	9	1	1	38	4	19
2. Heidelberg	11	7	2	2	35	17	16
3. Sth. Melb.	11	7	2	2	27	11	16
4. Melb. Croatia	11	7	2	2	25	9	16
5. Brighton	11	5	1	5	24	15	11
6. Brunswick	11	5	1	5	16	12	11
7. Nunawading	11	4	3	4	16	22	11
8. Preston	11	2	6	3	15	13	10
9. Green Gully	11	3	3	5	11	14	9
10. Footscray	11	4	0	7	17	24	8
11. Franks. Pines	11	2	1	8	15	35	5
12. Fawkner	11	0	0	11	3	66	0

ROUND 12 Southern Division

29th June

Brighton 10 v Franks. Pines 0

Green Gully 0 v Sunshine GC 3

Brunswick 0 v Melb. Croatia 2

Heidelberg 2 v Sth. Melb. 2

Footscray 0 v Nunawading 3

Fawkner 0 v Preston 14

POINTS TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
1. Sunshine GC	12	10	1	1	41	4	21
2. Melb. Croatia	12	8	2	2	27	9	18
3. Heidelberg	12	7	3	2	37	19	17
4. Sth. Melb.	12	7	3	2	29	13	17
5. Brighton	12	6	1	5	34	15	13
6. Nunawading	12	5	3	4	19	22	13
7. Preston	12	3	6	3	29	13	12
8. Brunswick	12	5	1	6	16	14	11
9. Green Gully	12	3	3	6	11	17	9
10. Footscray	12	4	0	8	17	27	8
11. Franks. Pines	12	2	1	9	15	45	5
12. Fawkner	12	0	0	12	3	80	0

HOW I SEE SYDNEY CITY — A FAN'S VIEW

By Gino De la Scerri

When I was a young teenager in Milan I was an Inter Boy. That was when Inter-Milan was called Ambrosiana, or Ambrosiana-Inter. And then, as now, there was a more or less fierce rivalry between the Black and Blue Inter club and the Red and Black of Milan.

But that rivalry was nothing compared to the special rivalry between Ambrosiana and Juventus. These two clubs were the real 'Old Firm' of Italian football.

How we 'hated' the 'Zebras' of Turin!

But today with all these years behind me, I realise that this 'hate' was actually not hate at all, but envy. How can you not envy a team that, largely unchanged, wins five consecutive championships from 1931 to 1935? To rub salt into the wound, Ambrosiana had won only three championships in 30 years, 1910, 1920, and 1930. And people observed wryly that Ambrosiana should win the next Championship in 1940.

The envy of every soccer follower in Italy stemmed from the fact that Juventus was almost unbeatable; and this brings me to Sydney City, a club that enjoys the same envy in Australia.

INDEPENDENT OBSERVER

As an independent soccer observer who follows no particular club, I feel I am one of the few people who can pass a judgement on this club that other soccer followers cannot, because of their affiliations to other colours.

Sydney City is a 'special' club. Not because it doesn't lose matches, but simply because it's special. Even when the Slickers do some rather naughty things, and the Slickers are certainly no haloed angels, they do them in a special way.

These naughty things, or in soccer jargon, bad fouls, are usually intentional, and made disdainfully, like the sins of the

high and mighty. And this irritates their opponents' fans even more. It is then that these fans' hatred of the Slickers is at its highest.

But strangely enough, this hatred would change to boundless admiration for these same players if (had this been possible), all the Sydney City team was suddenly transferred to the club of these hurt fans, when only the colours of the shirt would be changed.

But then, that would not be the Slickers, and it is the Slickers that people love to hate. So it's back to where we started.

LONG HISTORY

Sydney City, once called Hakoah, has a long history in Australian Soccer. It had its origin in the pioneering days when soccer-mad, mostly Jewish migrants, from Central and Eastern Europe played on parks at Rushcutters Bay, Sydney, or wherever there was a rectangle of grass.

That was a long time ago, now, and Sydney City has become much more sophisticated. The Jewish fans that one time supported and followed the team, have deserted, and the team has hardly a following at all.

The club management tried to have this support replaced by the non-ethnic soccer fans, but though changing their name to Eastern Suburbs, and then to Sydney City, they were not successful. Even the one dozen or so colourful skinheads abandoned the Slickers, and today they rely almost exclusively on the fans of their opponents for crowd.

But the Sydney City players never give up. They just lower their heads and get stuck into their opponents, disdaining their own people, Jews and non-Jews alike. In this respect maybe Sydney City is the only team that plays for itself; the players play only for themselves with a camaraderie that is simply

admirable. This, too, is something their opponents envy and hate them for.

But there's more. As coach Eddie Thomson so aptly observed when another team paid over \$30,000 for a player — the whole team hardly cost the club that much. So, what makes this team of 'cheap', or low-cost players tick?

CAMARADERIE THE KEYNOTE

Again, the camaraderie between the players comes in. Sydney City is a tight bunch of players, and when they bring up their own youngsters, like Fletcher, De Marigny and others, these youngsters take to the team like ducks to water. They fit in and dovetail into the rest of the structure. They come to play in the same mould, hard, and to win. As a consequence they also come to enjoy it when they are booed for some hard tackle, when the crowd wants to lynch them as they want to lynch no players from any other team; when one sees the Sydney City players as the spoiled brats of the rich who can get away with murder. One may be even tempted to say, 'How I hate them. I wouldn't want to be one of them'. But deep down one wouldn't mind it at all if he had been born one of the brats of the rich. There's a decided advantage of being born in such a privileged class.

There's nothing privileged about Sydney City, though. Their players sometimes get on the nerves of referees, and on the whole are given warnings, and get booked as much as their rivals in any other team. But a team cannot win so many Championships in just ten years of National League without becoming considered privileged. It's a different kind of privileged class, one for which the team worked, and one that the rest of us, who are not Sydney City supporters, gave them by just ganging up on them.

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SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS



John Gardiner with the 1981 Dockerty Cup.

After Sunshine George Cross finished last in the 1984 National Conference the Directors of the club made their shrewdest decision ever and turned to John Gardiner, who had coached State League Polonia that season.

John was no stranger to the Cross supporters, of course.

Dundee-born, he came to Australia to join the Cross after professional stints with first Peterborough and then East Fife.

Most good judges rate him as one of the very best players ever to come from Scotland, and his record certainly bears out that judgement.

He won the inaugural Rothmans Medal in 1971, after missing an incredible eight games through a players' strike,

and then, just to prove that was no fluke, he won the medal again the following year.

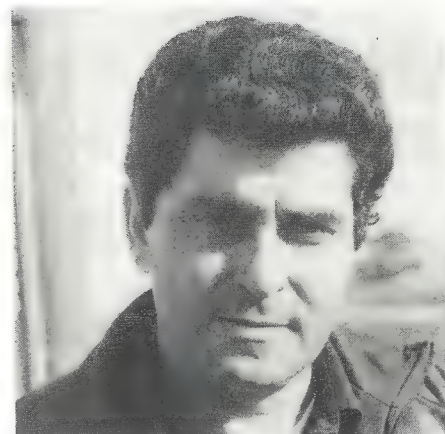
That feat has been equalled only by one player, Tommy Cumming.

After six years with the Cross, Gardiner went to the then Essendon Lions for a year, played the first season of the National League with South Melbourne, then had another spell with Essendon, now Croatia. Then he played for Green Gully as assistant player-coach to Bobby McLachlan, for two years, then back again to Croatia, this time as coach. That was in 1983.

The next year he coached State League Polonia and then it was back to his old love, George Cross. He still plays for a lower division club on Saturdays ('it keeps me fit'), and in what spare time he has he is also a Staff coach for the ASF, which means giving up most of his summer holidays to coach coaches.

But John enjoys his coaching courses, probably even more than coaching a National League club that has pretensions to staying in the top five and ensuring its survival in 1987.

"I enjoy them", he says, "because it brings me back to the grass roots, the fundamentals. When I'm there I feel I'm putting something back into the game. I respect coaches who take on jobs with clubs, because every time they do they are putting their reputation on the line. Another nice aspect of coaching courses is that they provide the only opportunity for coaches to get together and talk shop, secure in the knowledge that there are no points or jobs at stake."



Club President Alf Zahra.

Here's how John Gardiner sees his squad:

Lou Kastner (Ziggy): Our No. 1 goalkeeper, reaching the veteran stage, but still has a great appetite for the game, both at training and on the park. He's very good on angles and in one on one situations. A product of George Cross juniors.

Sean Keogh: I was very taken with Sean when he was at Croydon. He has very good reflexes and is strong in the air. He saved two penalties in the Derby game against Green Gully, and he puts pressure on Ziggy with consistent performances.

Tyrone James (Fast Eddie): A really good professional, equally at home as a sweeper or a stopper, but best at full-back. Has done everything asked of him since coming to us from Plymouth Argyle midway through last season. He's particularly good at finding space when he goes forward. Needs to improve his left foot, but then, Maradona's right isn't all that good.

Shaun Parton (Sponge): I liked Shaun from the very first time I

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saw him in the Vic. Youth team. He played under me at Croatia too. He's very strong in the air and extremely quick for a big man. Also a gifted athlete. His worst fault is that he gets sucked in too easily and he must stop back-chatting referees.

Steve Richardson (Richo): One of the most improved players at the club. Very good type to have around the club, good in the air, and strong with either foot. Trains like he plays, giving his all. Must learn to believe in himself when going forward.

Chris Taylor: Chris is one of the most popular players in the club, and can play and give you a good game in the midfield or anywhere in the back four, but full-back is his best position. Two-footed and strong in the tackle, but he's another who's got to stop falling foul of referees.

John Campelj: We haven't seen the best of John yet, because school studies have taken up a lot of his time over the last three years. But he is a big improver, who is getting fitter all the time. Full-back is his best position, and his recovery is very good.

Kevin Innes (Bull): Kevin played for me at Polonia, and his main assets are his versatility and his strength. He'll play anywhere for me, and he

responds well to coaching. Unfortunate with injuries which have held him back.

Andrew Marth: Another product of George Cross juniors who has made the First team squad after good performances in our Youth team and in the Victorian Youth team. For his age he's very strong, he's good in the air and a strong runner going forward. He's very aggressive too.

Roger Bain: Roger's a very consistent performer with good vision. He works hard at his game and does simple things well. What he needs most is another yard of pace.

Jeff Faulkner: Jeff is the team's most consistent performer, as befits a captain who has accepted his responsibilities. He seems to have boundless energy and covers every inch of the park. I had a high opinion of him when I coached him at Croatia. Considering his build he's surprisingly strong in the tackle, but he has a tendency to dribble too much.

Don MacLaren (Badger): I had to teach Don about the importance of teamwork early on, but he has come a long way in learning defensive duties and helping team-mates out. He has great skill, with two good feet, and can swing a game with a flash of unpredictable play.

Noel Mitten: I played with Noel and coached him both at Croatia and at Polonia, so I know his game well. For a big man he's very quick and possesses good ball control. A proven scorer over the years, and now he's doing a good job for me in midfield. He needs to work harder at his fitness.

Carl Gilder: Carl is another player who was with me at both Croatia and Polonia. His big asset is his ability to shield a ball and turn his marker. He's a great target man, but he needs to be a bit greedier in front of goal.

Mark Lennon (Muncher): Mark is very quick. He had problems with the physical side of the game last year, but he has built up his strength considerably this year. He's hard to mark because he's always on the move, and he's improving all the time, but he needs to work harder on his finishing.

John Markovski (Jonesy): 16 year old John is very mature for his age, besides being very strong and a tremendous striker of the ball. Once the publicity about his sudden emergence into the senior ranks has died down a little, he can settle down to making a first team place his own. For him the sky's the limit, provided he learns to keep his head, but he must learn to pace himself better.

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John Taylor is the chief soccer writer for the Daily and Sunday Telegraph newspapers in Sydney. He has covered Australia's World Cup campaign under former national coaches Jim Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf and current Socceroo boss Frank Arok.

There is no more celebrated team in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League than Sydney City.

For that matter, no coach in the NSL can boast such a distinguished record as Eddie Thomson, how is also national boss Frank Arok's assistant.

But there's one competition that has eluded the Slickers and Thomson. It's the NSL's knockout series, known this year as the Nanda Cup.

Here's a run down of the Cup winners: Brisbane City (1977, 1978), Adelaide City (1979), Marconi (1980), Brisbane Lions (1981), Apia (1982), Sydney Olympic (1983), Newcastle

SLICKERS FOR THE CUP?

Rosebuds (1984), Sydney Olympic (1985).

Could this finally be the Slickers' year?

Sydney City have reached the semi-finals and will be away to Heidelberg on July 27.

"It's hard to believe that we've never been in the semis before," says Thomson.

"I've always treasured the league but I would dearly love to win the Cup.

"I'll eat spaghetti for a week," he quipped.

The Slickers rarely play at home in Cup competition because they have poor drawing power.

To qualify for the last four, the Slickers beat Sydney Croatia 3-0 away, Newcastle 2-0 at home and Brisbane City 3-1 away.

In fact Thomson feels more confident of winning the Cup this year than the Northern Division title.

"We've been playing Cup tie style football and have been trying to score off everything," he says.



Abbas Saad

The former Aberdeen and Hearts centre back has never been afraid to experiment with young players in the National League.

Thomson believes has has another Kenny Boden in the making at Sydney City — his name is Abbas Saad.

Saad, 19, was born in Lebanon and migrated to Australia with his parents in 1976.

"Abbas is the most skilful young player I've coached in my time with the club," Thomson says.

"He has excellent vision, two good feet, he's quick and oozes confidence."

Saad made a couple of appearances as substitute before Thomson gave him his full game against Olympic in round 7 of the league. He scored the Slickers goal.

He was on the scoresheet again in the Cup quarter-final win over Brisbane City.

Thomson has since boosted his squad with the signing of Tommy McCulloch.

He was able to clinch the McCulloch deal by transferring Paul Kay to Blacktown City.

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Bryant Always Wanted To Become A Coach

There was one man not the least surprised when Sydney Olympic nosedived out of the Nanda Cup . . . Steve Bryant.

Bryant, of course, is Canberra City Olympians' player-coach and it was his team which has prevented Olympic from winning the Cup for a third time.

Only five days before Canberra knocked Olympic out of the cup with a 1-0 win at St George Stadium in a night game, the teams had drawn 1-1 in the Olympic Airways NSL's northern division at Pratten Park.

"It's just not big talk after the event, but I always felt we were capable of achieving a good result," said the 32-year-old Bryant, who was once Everton manager Howard Kendall's room mate.

Bryant was then playing professionally with Birmingham City. "The reason I roomed with Howard is that the club used to put an experienced bloke with a younger player," he explained.

Bryant started out his career with Birmingham as a left winger.

He was soon to end up as a left back. "The club was having problems and I played left back in a reserve match against Oxford," he recalls.

Four days later he found himself in that position in the first team against Coventry.

Bryant played a total of 96 first team games for Birmingham and during that time he qualified for his FA coaching badge.

I always wanted to coach when I finished as a player," he said.

Bryant was brought out to Australia by George Murray in July, 1982. "There were only 10 games left but I remember my debut very well," he said.

"I arrived here on the Saturday and Canberra were playing

Preston the next day. George threw me on as a substitute. I was not a prolific goalscorer but I scored a very important goal that day."

The very last thing Bryant expected this year was to be in charge of Canberra.

It all happened when Roy Thomson resigned after the fourth round of the league.

"I received a call and was asked if I would like to take over," Bryant said.

He was officially appointed on the Friday and Canberra met Newcastle Rosebud at home on the Sunday.

Canberra lost 2-0. "We played badly," Bryant said.

Canberra lost the following week, 2-0 away to Sydney Croatia. "You are never happy when you lose, but I was quite pleased with how things went. I saw something in that game that lifted my hopes."

Bryant was right. Next week Canberra trounced Apia Leichhardt 4-1 at home and then drew with Olympic before cementing a place in the Nanda Cup semi-finals. Canberra will now meet Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide on July 27.

He's not changing Canberra's style. "Team morale was low for a while but the spirit is high now," he said.

"What is most important is discipline and understanding in the ranks."

Bryant can't believe his good fortune that the club was able to secure Jimmy Cant (Sydney City) and Jim Hamilton (Apia) and that Augusto Palacios returned from Peru.

"Cant is a vastly experienced defender and is a very good organiser. He is also a good talker and helps the younger players," said Bryant.

"Hamilton is a revelation. He works hard, defends strongly



Steve Bryant

and distributes well. I still can't believe that Apia let him go. Their loss is our gain."

Bryant admits he was surprised when Palacios came back to Canberra after he went home to have his elbow mended.

"I think the game is too physical for him here. That's why I gave him a roving commission up front rather than play him as a midfielder.

"I feel sure we'll get the best results out of him in that role. He knows how to hold onto the ball and he lays off excellent passes."

Palacios scored the winner in Canberra's 1-0 Cup quarter-final victory which went into extra time.

The Canberra coach offers some friendly advice to national coach Frank Arok.

"We've got the best goalkeeper in the country in Anthony Franken," Bryant said.

"I am sick of hearing that Anthony is inexperienced. It is high time Frank played the young fellow in the senior national team — he's that good."

Few would argue with Bryant that Franken is a very special talent.

FAN'S VIEW

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Sydney City has become the yardstick by which one judges the strengths of teams in Australian soccer. At the beginning of each season, scanning the list of the teams in the competition, we pick this or that team that we think will, in the end, fight for the championship against Sydney City. You ask people at random who they think will win the championship this year, and the answers vary from 'Olympic or Sydney City'; 'Croatia or Sydney City'; 'Marconi or Sydney City'. The first choice varies, depending on the attachments of the interviewed but there's always that 'or Sydney City'.

There is a tacit implication when people say this, that even if Sydney City does not win the Championship, they will get close enough. It's the mark of the thoroughbred, an admiration, however grudgingly bestowed, by all those who know and understand soccer, whatever club they belong to.

What makes Sydney City what it is?

If one had to compound the answer in one word, that word is 'character'. Other clubs have character too; but Sydney City has a character all its own, like no other club can fashion. And this is seen best when Sydney City lose a match.

I have often observed how after losing a match, the players of most teams walk off the ground hurriedly, as if feeling the eyes of the crowd burning through them. They hurry to the sanctuary and safety of their dressing room.

At the same time it has always amused me to see some of the Sydney City players riveted to the ground after a defeat, as if unable to understand how they could have lost.

More than any other team Sydney City cannot suffer a defeat, and this is because the players are conscious of their superiority.

This article, I know, will win me more enemies than friends but that is nothing new to me. In past times I have been called a

Marconi supporter by Apia fans, and an Apia fan by those of Marconi; and the two together called me a supporter of Croatia. Generally speaking, most people believe I support St George and in Victoria the Italians there think I follow South Melbourne, which is a little closer to the truth because I have for South Melbourne almost the same admiration that I have for Sydney City, in both cases just an admiration — not support.

The truth is that I follow no particular team except the National team.

By all the laws of nature Sydney City will one day come down, who knows? perhaps even relegated. There were great teams in England and elsewhere that were relegated; so this is no blasphemy of my invention and, yes, it can happen.

But ironically, when, or if, this happens, there will be more sad rivals than supporters, because the supporters of Sydney City are so few. In the meantime, Sydney City will go on playing — for themselves, hated, and grudgingly admired.

DOCHERTY from page 11

A joke for every occasion, but a man with a serious side and no mean prophet.

It was he who said in 1976: "They say soccer is booming in America and that is where the money is, but I predict that Australia will be 15 years ahead of the Yanks on the world scene."

"America may have the money, but Australia has the budding talent."

He also said on joining Sydney Olympic: "Give the fans what they want, attacking football. If there are no fans there is no soccer."

There was one thing he always did — provide entertainment of one kind or another.

During the National League game at Footscray when he was coaching South Melbourne Hellas, he suddenly jumped from the dug-out and began acting as a Hellas cheer-leader when they were going through a quiet spell.

Love him or hate him, you couldn't ignore him and, frankly, I believe Australian soccer could do with a few like him.

We tend to take the game too seriously. Perhaps because we have to work so hard to achieve anything worthwhile.

But then so did Docherty. While he says he has had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus, he also points out, with that infectious grin, that he has been fired more times than a poacher's shotgun. How many people in any walk of life could laugh all that off and come back for more?

His very presence has always had great motivational qualities and his ready wit is always much appreciated by players during the last few nervous minutes prior to a game.

There are certainly few more experienced coaches in the world.

He played for Glasgow Celtic, Arsenal, Preston North End, and,

of course, Scotland. In that company, you had to have a lot to offer.

As a manager, he was in charge of Queen's Park Rangers three times — itself a strong recommendation — Chelsea, Rotherham, Manchester United (about which he said: "The secret of success at United is not to fall in love with the physio's wife"), Oporto, Derby County, Lillestrom (Norway), Bilbao (Spain), Hull City, Preston North End, Wolves, Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne Hellas.

He really loved it in Australia and probably would still be here today if he wasn't spat on by a supporter, who didn't like the way he did things.

Of all the varied knocks he had taken in over 30 years in top soccer, that was the one he couldn't stomach.

It's a pity it drove him away. I still think he is being missed and I doubt if many journalists would argue with that.

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Bruce Waddell, of the *Daily Sun* and *Sunday Sun* in Brisbane, is one of the country's most experienced soccer correspondents, having covered the game since 1965. He has also worked for the *Australian* and the *Courier-Mail* and the only break from soccer reporting during the last 20 years has been from 1982-85, when he spent three years working in England. He was recently appointed Deputy Sports Editor of the *Daily Sun*.

QUEENSLAND PREVIEW

by Bruce Waddell

Former Socceroo Alan Niven's recent commencement as Regional Director of coaching for Bundaberg maintains the Queensland Soccer Federation's widespread network of coaching expertise in country centres.

Niven quit after 10 years as an NSL player with Brisbane Lions after approaching the QSF about the position.

The fact a player of his experience and standing was prepared to retire to take on a position like this speaks volumes for our coaching set-up. QLS Secretary Alan Vessey said, "Alan felt he wanted to make a future for himself as well as putting something back into the game."

Niven's appointment is for two years, with a further one year option.

Niven's first NSL match was against West Adelaide when the League kicked off in 1977, and ironically his final game was against the same club, but unfortunately produced a 2-0 loss.

But there were other compensations. His final home match resulted in a 6-1 trouncing of local rivals Brisbane City, and he was made skipper of the Queensland team in his last rep appearance, leading the maroons to a 1-0 win over New South Wales.

Niven played 12 times for the Socceroos and rates amongst his memories his debut in Fiji in 1982.

He nominates Sydney City duo Joe Watson and John Kosmina as the players who caused him the most problems during his 10 years of NSW football.

And those he played with who rate a special mention are headed by current Lions coach, Col Bennett, Lions skipper John Stewart and the club's former creative winger Geoff Morris.

He managed to pick up one major trophy with Lions during his career, the Philips Cup of 1981.

The Newcastle (UK)-born defender, and a level three coach, got wind of the coaching vacancies at Bundaberg and Mackay before he went on Lion's pre-season pioneering country tour.

That gave Niven the perfect opportunity to sound out the job prospects with men already in regional coaching positions.

He chose Bundaberg, taking over the position vacated by Jim Selby, who is now Gold Coast Director of Coaching.

Selby, a former Australian Women's Soccer Association National Coaching Director, spent six years at Bundaberg, during which a youngster called Peter Kelly did his level three course.

Kelly, former Queensland youth team defender and current State under-14 coach, takes up the Mackay position on July 1, making him one of the youngest to hold such a position.

Further north, former North New South Wales coaching Director Jim Foley is into his second year at Cairns, covering the Tablelands and south to Innisfail.

Brian Jeffs, who came from the Sutherland Soccer

Association in NSW, has been in Townsville for four years, after taking over from Tim White, who is now Victoria's State Director of Coaching.

And the QSF's man in Rockhampton is Richard Evans, formerly of Wollongong, whose predecessor was John Ward

Ward returned to Western Australia after his Queensland stint and recently led that state to its triumph in the National Youth Titles.

The QSF's desire to provide the country areas with adequate coaching is fuelled by the figures which show that of 26,000 registered juniors in Queensland, about half of them are in the country regions.

And the methods must be working. After the recent Australian under-15 Championships Queensland's State Coach Bruce Stowell and Vic Dalgleish chose a squad of 28 players.

The two Queenslanders picked were country boys, Townsville fullback Darren Freiberg and Rockhampton sweeper Guy Rigby.

With such detail being paid to coaching throughout the state, some still wonder why NSL Clubs every year cast their eyes towards overseas players, many of whom simply do not measure up.

Surely there must be an abundance of youngsters who are on the way to blossoming into players capable of measuring up to that standard.

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Back Row (left to right): Jess Macchione, Glenn Fontana, Scott Dickson, David Batten, Robert Giraldi, Reg Chilby, Warwick Young, Ray Vlietstra, Giacomo Morlando, Leonel Arcosa, Sean Billington, Len Chafer, John Fleming. **Front Row (left to right):** Rade Stevanovski, Larry Gaffney, Bryan Cokely, David Green, Peter Kotamanidis, Saul Rivero, Willie Murray.

Wollongong Wolves have made everybody sit up and take notice this year. In the words of coach John Fleming: "Results have been beyond expectations."

Fleming, a quiet, unassuming young man who played professionally with Oxford and Lincoln City before joining the south coast club in their inaugural year of the National Soccer League in 1981, saw his team placed third at the halfway mark of the northern division.

"I see no reason why we can't carry on and win the title," says Fleming.

I know a lot of people will say that's bravado, but we are very competitive and that's what really counts this year.

"I've now had a good chance to look over the other teams in the league and I must say some are very disorganised.

"When I took on the job as coach I was confident we would

do well. I trusted my own ability as well as the players.

"I felt we didn't have the strike force to score a lot of goals so I was determined we wouldn't have many goals scored against us."

The Wolves scored 12 goals in 11 games, but had the best defensive record and conceded seven goals.

On the subject of defenders, Fleming finds it hard to believe that Australian coach Frank Arok continues to overlook Wolves stopper Ray Vlietstra.

"I feel that Ray is the second best defender in the northern division after David Ratcliffe," Fleming claims.

But the Wolves coach doesn't hesitate to nominate his former Fairy Meadow players as probably his most consistent performers this year.

"I know goalkeeper Warwick Young is not as spectacular as

say Canberra's Tony Franken but I wouldn't swap him. He has a lot to live up to. His father played for Australia and so did his brother Craig in Rugby League," said Fleming.

Reg Chilby is another of the Fairy Meadow connection. "He has performed beyond my wildest dreams and has proved the ideal stop gap for the injured Scott Dickson.



Warwick Young.



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WOLLONGONG SET FOR BEST YEAR

By John Taylor



Robert Giraldi.

"Jock Morlando has done a sterling job at left back. He's strong and a fierce competitor."

But the player Fleming rates an outstanding success is Robert Giraldi. "He's played in the defence and up front with distinction. He has found his level".

Fleming says that the trademark of the Wolves is team spirit.

He also brought a touch of South American flair to the club with the signing of Uruguayans, Saul Rivero and Leonel Arcosa.

"Rivero is a class act and easily the best import we've had," he says.

"His free kicks are deadly, he never gives the ball away and he has tremendous vision.

"I believe that had he played more games we could have picked up another three points in the first round."

Rivero ruptured a hamstring

and was out of action for a month.

Fellow countryman Arcosa hasn't been the same success, according to Fleming. "He has struggled to adjust to the pace of the game in Australia," said Fleming.

Another newcomer, former Sydney City winger Willie Murray, was proving a valuable asset until he dislocated an elbow.

Injuries and suspensions have even forced Fleming to pull his boots out of the cupboard. He played for the first time in two years at right back in the second half against Sydney Olympic — a match which was Wollongong's best home gate of the season.



Willie Murray

"This is the first time the club has ever made money. Hopefully it is a sign of good times ahead," Fleming says.

"I have always found the south coast to be a sleeping giant. The people here love a winner whether it is in Rugby League, basketball or soccer.



Saul Rivero.

"The fans have given us great encouragement even when we've been hard hit with injuries. With a full squad we'll give the title a good shake."

The Wolves lost two games in the first round — to Blacktown and Olympic.

If Fleming's boys can string together a few more wins rather than draws in the second half of the competition, the south coast team might be in with a big shout.

Last Monday, the deadline for signing players, we signed Richard Peil from Fairy Meadow, a dynamic little midfielder who featured prominently in the State League Rothman Medal Awards last year and Randell Easthorpe, Penrith's leading 1985 goal scorer from Penrith City.

Due to a casualty list in our squad we needed extra playing staff to complement the squad and the club is pleased with the signings and grateful to their previous clubs for their promptness in the negotiations and finalising the transfer details prior to the deadline.



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GOALS ARE THE GO FOR "JUMPING" JOE MULLEN

By Alan Crisp of "The Advertiser"

Strikers are born, not made and "Jumping" Joe Mullen is a born striker.

Ever since he was knee high to a blade of grass Mullen has harboured the desire to score goals.

And the business of finding the net with either head or feet has become second nature to the affable young man.

Mullen is not able to say how many goals he has scored in his still fledgling career.

But the number, since he started booting a ball at St Augustines Primary School and later with Salisbury United Under 12's and Para Hills, is quite considerable and very impressive.

Mullen 22, began his senior career with Para Hills in 1983 and he astounded by scoring 13 league goals to finish joint goalscoring leader for the season with Wally Bojczuk of Azzurri.

A finance officer with AGC, Mullen represented SA at all under age levels and was a member of the Soccerroo Youth squad which contested the Havelange tournament in Mexico.

But he tore ankle ligaments on the eve of the Soccerroo Youth squad's departure for the World

Cup finals and was forced to withdraw.

He has all the attributes required of a great striker — speed, vision, skill, workrate, heading ability, competitive temperament and shooting power.

In short, Mullen makes things happen up front for Adelaide City because he's sharp, creative and entertaining.

There can be no better example of Mullen's perceptive opportunism than that which he displayed against Adelaide Hellas in the round nine derby clash at Olympic Sports Field.

Hellas goalkeeper Martyn Crook seemingly had a goalmouth cross covered with a diving lunge, but Mullen nipped in to snare the ball fractionally in front of the keeper's gloves before lofting a pass for Charley Villani to nod home.

Last season Mullen scored only two OASL goals for Adelaide City, but the reason for the paltry figure was because he played most of his games in the midfield.

For the 1986 Ampol Cup night series City coach Zoran Matic returned Mullen to his preferred central striker position and Mullen responded by notching six goals in five games,

including two in the 2-0 final win over Beograd.

After round 10 this season Mullen had netted five league goals to be level with City colleague Steve Maxwell.

It's a safe bet that Mullen will add to that tally. The only matter for conjecture is the method of despatch — left foot, right foot or from one of those leaping headers.

Footnote: Joe Mullen is the second son of the Adelaide-based soccer-playing Mullen family which also comprises 24-year old Peter (Polonia), 20-year old Phillip (Modbury) and 18-year old Tim (Australian Institute of Sport) and Salisbury United.

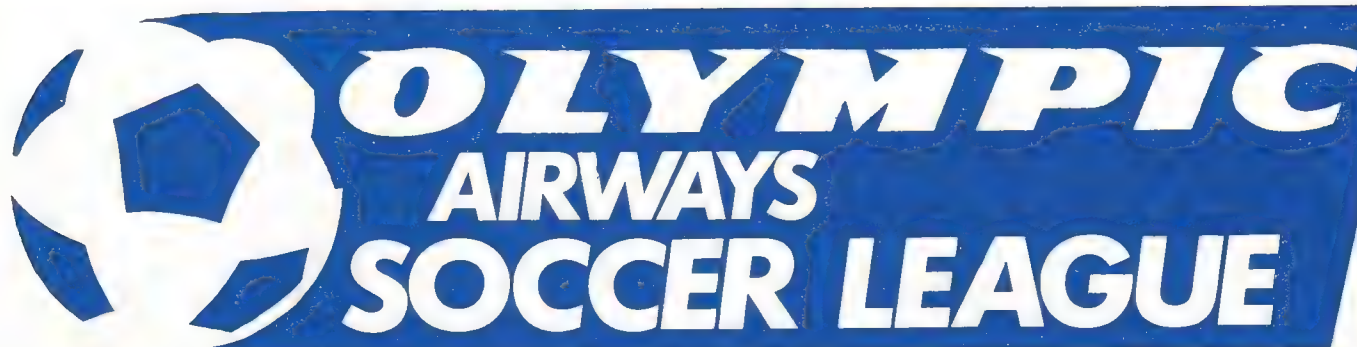


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Full name: Joseph Mullen

Birth Date: 5/1/64

Birth Place: Middlesbrough

Height: 5ft 8½"

Weight: 10st

Club: Adelaide City

Position: Central Striker

Home: Salisbury Heights
(Adelaide Suburb)

Team supported as a boy:
Middlesbrough, West Ham
United.

Football hero of childhood:
Trevor Brooking

Nickname: Joe

Biggest Thrill: Being chosen for
the Australian Youth squad for
the Havelange Tournament in
Mexico.

Most Memorable Match: First
game for Adelaide City against
Brisbane Lions in 1983.

Biggest Disappointment:
Having to withdraw from the
Socceroo Youth squad because of
injury.

Superstitions: None.

Favourite Other Sports:
Cricket, Australian football.

Representative Honours: SA
Under 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18,
19.

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